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REPORT

OF THE

Michigan Soldiers' Aid Society

(Branch U. S. Sanitary Commission.)

No. 32 Larned Street West, Detroit,

From Nov. 1st, 1863, to Nov. 1st, 1864.

The receipts of the past year show an increase over those of the year previous, both in the quantity of articles received, and in the number of places contributing.

We have shipped chiefly to Louisville, the headquarters of the Western Department of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, and a point from which stores are conveniently distributed to nearly all parts of the West and South. Through the kindness of the Cleveland Soldiers' Aid Society, we have shared, during the period of lake navigation, the benefit of their excellent arrangements for rapid and safe transportation, free of expense; and throughout the year all goods forwarded by us through Cleveland or Cincinnati, or direct to Louisville, have, through the liberality of the railroad and steamboat lines, gone through without charge. The benefit to the army of the remittal or abatement of freight charges,—for one or the other of which we have to thank every line with which we have had to do,—can only be guessed at; but its direct value is very large, and indirectly it has stimulated, to an extent not easy to calculate, the liberality of the thousands who gladly contribute their stores, but cannot raise money for payment of freight.

We have received this year 1217 boxes, barrels, and kegs, from various parts of the State, besides articles made in the Society, or given in Detroit. A considerable amount has been used in the Hospitals at Detroit, but the greater portion has

gone on for distribution in the armies of the Southwest. Of the packages shipped for the army, some were sent to particular places, by request of the contributors, but the destination of the greater number has been left to us. We have sent,

	Packages.		Packages.
To Louisville,	1010	To Washington,	35
Nashville,	6	Richmond, for Prisoners of War,	8
Cincinnati and Knoxville,	38	White Refugees,	2
Wheeling,	5	Hospitals in Michigan, out of	
Chicago,	110	Detroit,	6
York, Pa.,	2	Michigan Regi'ts at Duvall's	
Baltimore,	1	Bluff, and elsewhere,	12

Of many of these we have heard—from Knoxville, Chattanooga, Dalton, and other places where they have been used; and when articles, bearing our mark, are put into the hands of Michigan soldiers, as, through the considerate kindness of the Sanitary agents, they often are, the pleasure it affords would well repay all the labor of friends at home.

It may not be amiss, though it is hardly necessary, to say that, in sending our stores chiefly to the West and South, we do not forget our soldiers at the East. But it is evidently the best economy to send by the shortest and cheapest route; and, therefore, that the Eastern States should supply the armies most accessible to them, while we send our stores to those nearest us; and those connected with the Eastern Department of the Sanitary Commission agree with us in this view. It is also more easy to equalize the distribution of goods, if each receiving depot sends its supply regularly to the same depot of distribution.

With the use made of our stores we are better satisfied the more we learn about it. The only thing to regret is that there is not enough of our own contributions and those of other branches, great as the amount seems, to provide nearly all that is needed. Of vegetable food, especially, there ought to be enough for the camps, so that no cases of scurvy, and kindred diseases, need come into the hospitals, while in fact, for the most part, there has been only enough, and not always that, to cure them when admitted.

The aid given by us, directly to soldiers' families, is no large, but relief has been procured by obtaining work, or other

wise, for all who have applied. Besides some money and provisions from our own stores, \$72.25 of money, remaining from a dinner given to the soldiers, on the fourth of July, has been expended by a committee appointed jointly by us and by the dinner managers. Of this fund, \$59.05 remain on hand, but a few weeks of winter will exhaust it. It is much to be wished that work could be obtained for all needing it.

The most important undertaking of this year has been the establishment of a Soldiers' Home, chiefly for the temporary accommodation of soldiers on their way to and from the army, especially discharged and furloughed men needing rest or help. It was opened in the latter part of January, and has furnished shelter, and care to many hundreds of soldiers, as well as to a few refugees, and wives and children of soldiers. We took a larger building than was supposed necessary, but have often found it too small to accommodate comfortably, or even to receive, all who should have found a place in it. Imperfectly, however, as it has answered our expectations, there is no department of our work that has afforded more satisfaction.

To the auxiliary societies which have contributed most of the stores, and a large proportion of the money disbursed during the year, we are under great obligations. From some we have received very largely, and the regularity with which many have contributed, has been as encouraging as the amount sent, showing that their liberality is the result of principle, not the mere fruit of excitement.

- PRESIDENT, HON. JOHN OWEN,

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- Associate Mem-
bers U. S. San-
itary Comm.

Disbursements of Michigan Branch U. S. Sanitary Commission,
November 1st. 1863, to November 1st, 1864.

	To Hospitals and Soldiers at Detroit.	To Soldier's Home.	To the Army.	Total.
BEDDING AND CLOTHING.				
Blankets,	5	53	25	83
Bedticks,	102	100	256	458
Comforts and Quilts,	5	3	178	186
Coats, pants and vests,	463	.....	1735	2198
Drawers,	5	.....	337	342
Dressing and bed gowns,	107	75	1078	1260
Pillows,	186	150	1929	2265
Pillow cases,	374	120	543	1037
Sheets,	766	60	3850	4676
Shirts,	98	8	143	249
Slippers,	372	29	995	1396
Socks,	260	82	1671	2003
Towels,	112	16	5728	5856
Handkerchiefs,				
FURNITURE AND SURGEON'S SUPPLIES.				
Arm rests,	14	.....	256	270
Bandages, pounds,	306	19	1014	1339
Lint, pounds,	35	1	148	184
Compresses and rags,	148	8	3149	3305
Bedsteads, .....	.....	32	.....	32
Books,	58	16	279	353
Pamphlets and tracts,	646	81	3800	4537
Papers,	610	180	9727	10,517
Chairs and stools, .....	.....	99	.....	99
Benches and lounge, .....	.....	9	.....	9
Cups, (mugs,)	100	96	.....	196
Plates,	130	138	.....	268
Knives and forks,	72	124	.....	196
Spoons,	114	182	.....	296
Pitchers, bowls, etc.,	24	85	18	127
Cushions and pads,	47	.....	1448	1495
Paper, quires,	2	121 $\frac{1}{4}$	23 $\frac{3}{8}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$
Envelopes,	53	150	304	507
Eye shades,	19	1	41	61
Fans,	5	4	102	111
Housewives and pin cushions,	136	11	454	601
Stoves,	8	8
Tables,	17	17
Curtains,	51	20	71

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Disbursements—Continued.

	To Hospitals and Soldiers at Detroit.	To Soldier's Home.	To the Army.	Total.
ARTICLES OF DIET.				
Apples and fresh fruit, bushels,.....	.....	2	278	280
Apple butter, gallons,.....	.....	23	194	217
Dried fruit, pounds,	965	875	14,466	16,306
Preserved fruit, cans,.....	14	31	339	384
Catsup, Horseradish, etc., bottles,	1	34	72	107
Extract of ginger, bottles, .....	.....	.....	42	42
Wine and spirits, bottles,	5	21	309	335
Jelly and shrub, bottles and quarts,.....	1	.....	38	39
Blackberry cordial, bottles and quarts,.....	2	.....	162	164
Milk, fresh, quarts, .....	.....	1188	.....	1188
Oat meal, pounds,.....	.....	.....	236	236
Groceries, pounds,.....	59	128	834	1021
Onions, bushels,.....	.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	409	415 $\frac{1}{2}$
Potatoes, bushels, .....	.....	219	546	765
Other vegetables, bushels,.....	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	38 $\frac{1}{4}$	135	178
Pickles, gallons,	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	108	3960 $\frac{1}{2}$	4075
Sour krout, gallons,	15	.....	931	946
Toast, barrels and boxes,.....	1	.....	22	23
Tobacco, pounds,.....	17 $\frac{1}{4}$	.....	16 $\frac{1}{4}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dried beef, pounds,.....	7	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	215	255 $\frac{1}{2}$
Butter, pounds, .....	.....	312	623 $\frac{1}{2}$	935 $\frac{1}{2}$
Crackers,	6	115	544 $\frac{1}{2}$	665 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miscellaneous, about, .....	.....	.....	.....	1000

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

FROM SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETIES.

Bay City,.....	\$36 60
Algonac,.....	8 55
Antwerp,.....	43 10
Schoolcraft,.....	131 75
Southwestern Raisin,.....	19 25
South Lyon, Oakland County,.....	22 75
Mason,.....	38 11
Port Austin,.....	332 67
Troy,.....	26 80
Marquette,.....	5 00
Grand Blanc,.....	55 00
Parma,.....	3 70
Three Rivers,.....	65 00
Concord,.....	3 25
New Baltimore,.....	5 00
Napoleon,.....	30 00
Allegan,.....	20 00
Petersburgh,.....	12 10
South Sunfield,.....	2 40
Sturgis,.....	60 00
Sylvan,.....	9 40
Cannonsburgh,.....	30 00
Homer,.....	35 00
	<u>\$995 43</u>

COLLECTIONS.

Citizens of Portland and vicinity, Ionia County,.....	\$8 00
Ladies at Minnesota Mine,.....	27 11
Ladies of Pentwater and vic'y,.....	55 15
Union League, Walled Lake,.....	33 00
Citizens of Walled Lake,.....	16 00
Copper Falls Mine,.....	15 00
Ladies of Eckford,.....	40 00
Oak Grove, Rev. J. R. Cordon,.....	15 52
Methodist Church, N. Buffalo,.....	7 50
Kalamazoo Co., by agent,.....	30 62
A few ladies of the New Ch., Detroit,.....	6 00
Detroit, for Soldier's Home,.....	364 50
Detroit, for prisoners at Richmond,.....	244 70
	<u>\$886 10</u>

THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS.

St. Paul's Church, Flint,.....	\$40 36
Churches of Royal Oak,.....	25 50
Church at Warren,.....	10 61
St. John's Ch., Saginaw City,.....	15 62
Congregational Ch., Southfield,.....	11 00
M. Ep. Church, Blissfield,.....	27 24
First Baptist Ch., Bay City,.....	15 32
Leroy Circuit, Mich. Confe'ce,.....	22 00
Church in Constantine,.....	52 68
All Saints' Church, Brooklyn,.....	8 00
Presbyterian and Baptist Chs., Brooklyn,.....	13 00
St. Paul's Church, Marquette,.....	13 00
Methodist Church, Lamont,.....	6 80
Baptist, Methodist, and Congregational Churches, Otsego,.....	10 75
Churches, Trowbridge,.....	2 25
Churches, Wayne,.....	40 00
Churches, North Newbury,.....	14 00
Churches, Pokagon,.....	5 40

Carried forward,..... \$1881 53

RECEIPTS.

Brought forward,..... \$1881 53

Congregation not named,.....	\$10 00
Hebrew Congregation, Bet. El., Detroit,.....	15 10
People and Students at Olivet,.....	12 75
	<u>\$371 38</u>

ENTERTAINMENTS AND FAIRS.

Thanksgiving Supper, Concord,.....	\$50 00
Supper in Portage Township,.....	16 00
Sociable at Cannonsburgh,.....	6 00
Fair at Cannonsburgh, July 4th,.....	20 00
Fair at Grosse Isle, July 4th,.....	24 00
Party at Russell House, Detroit,.....	650 22
Hebrew Ball, Detroit, (part),.....	114 00
Entertainment at Milford, Jy 4,.....	100 00
	<u>\$980 22</u>

CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS.

Presbyterian Sunday School, at Burr Oak,.....	\$3 50
Spending money of some children at Ganges, July 4th,.....	2 25
Little Boys' Fund, Detroit,.....	1 33
Prof. Pearl's Seminary, Feb. 22,.....	15 30
James Craig, Detroit,.....	40
Willie Cahoon, Detroit,.....	80
Mary Hudson, Detroit,.....	1 50
Wm. Lee, Wm. Wallace, Geo. Perry, and Byron Carrier,.....	1 50
Fair, by Lizzie and Grace Roys,.....	5 10
Fair, by Addie Fuller & others,.....	4 00
Fair, by Cora B. Rice and others, July 4th,.....	55 80
Fair, by Mary and Lizzie Orr,.....	7 00
Fair, by Madgie Wickware and others,.....	25 00
Fair, by Lansing M. Pittman and others,.....	10 00
Fair, by Kitty Roberts and oth.,.....	3 50
Fair, by Susy Avery and Mary Dunalty,.....	7 75
Fair, by Bertha and Albert Schuler,.....	3 00
Fair, by Ella Webster,.....	3 00
Fair, by Fannie Leadbeater and others,.....	5 30
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DONATIONS.

John Cook, Brownstown,.....	\$10 00
John Jackson, Wyandotte,.....	1 00
Mrs. Schram, Grand Blanc,.....	75
J. Mills, Cannonsburgh,.....	2 00
H. T. Judson, Cannonsburgh,.....	2 00
C. Hartwell, Cannonsburgh,.....	1 00
R. Hartwell, Cannonsburgh,.....	1 00
J. Ragan, Cannonsburgh,.....	1 00
Union Lady, Cannonsburgh,.....	1 00
Widow's Mite, Cannonsburgh,.....	25
Mrs. R. Williams, Owosso,.....	20 00
A. Plumstead, St. Johns,.....	5 00
Rev. L. J. Griffin, Parma,.....	2 05
Mrs. M. Whittemore, Tawas City,.....	5 00
P. L. Rogers, Port Austin,.....	5 00

Carried forward,..... \$3389 16

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TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

RECEIPTS.		RECEIPTS.	
<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	\$3389 16	<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	\$3389 16
Mrs. L. S. Lyman, Shiawassee, \$2 00		Mrs. P. Parsons, Detroit, \$3 00	
Miss Park, and Miss Gavett, Sandstone,..... 2 00		Mrs. Byrne, Detroit,..... 1 00	
A. H. Sibley, Detroit,..... 50 00		An Old Contributor, Detroit,.... 100 00	
Mrs. Thos. W. Palmer, Detroit, 50 00		Friends of the Soldier, Detroit, 52 00	
Mrs. Robert Stuart, Detroit,.... 100 00		Troy,..... 1 00	
A Friend, Detroit,..... 2 00			\$562 82
Mrs. S. B. Stearns, Detroit, ... 3 00		MISCELLANEOUS.	
A. Elder, Detroit,..... 5 00		Members' Fees,..... \$8 50	
Mrs. Morse Stewart, Detroit,.... 2 00		Advertiser and Tribune, (print- ing.) 11 85	
Lieut. Kelly, 14th Mich. Inf'y, 2 00		Commutation of Rations,..... 128 13	
Hon. J. V. Campbell, Detroit,.... 84 77		Cash,..... 50 72	
Mrs. A. Conner, Detroit,..... 1 00			\$199 20
Mrs. C. J. Beardsley, Detroit,.... 1 00		Michigan Soldiers' Relief Com.,	411 50
Rev. R. Murray, Detroit,..... 5 00		Treasurer U. S. Sanitary Com- mission,..... 1000 00	
G. W. Lloyd, Detroit,..... 10 00			
Mrs. Willard, Parker,..... 20 00		TOTAL RECEIPTS, \$5562 68	
Mrs. O. T. Sabin, Detroit,..... 5 00		On hand Nov. 1, 1863,..... 453 71	
A Friend, Detroit,..... 2 00			
Mrs. Vennoy, Detroit,..... 1 00		Amount,..... \$5716 39	
A. Morrison, Detroit,..... 1 00			
<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....	\$3389 16		
DISBURSEMENTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Rent of Room, \$150 00		<i>Brought forward</i> , \$2835 88	
Office Expenses,..... 104 89		Soldiers' Families,..... 35 55	
Pay of Clerk, 67 45		Uncurrent Money,..... 50	
Printing,..... 124 78		Rent of Soldiers' Home, 400 00	
Postage and Stationery,..... 162 66		Repairs and Furniture,..... 1043 73	
	\$609 78	Current Expenses,..... 1121 91	
Materials for Clothing, 1221 38			2565 64
Hospital Stores, 379 03		TOTAL,..... \$5437 57	
	1600 41	On hand Nov. 1, 1864, 278 82	
Pay and Expenses of Canvass- ing Agent,..... 209 89		Amount,..... \$5716 39	
Barrels,..... 85 61			
Transportation,..... 330 19			
	\$625 69		
<i>Carried forward</i> ,	\$2835 88		

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REPORT OF SOLDIER'S HOME, DETROIT,

In Charge of the Michigan Branch of the United States Sanitary Commission, from its opening, January, 1864, to October 31st, 1864.

	Michigan.	Indiana.	Illinois.	Iowa.	New York.	Ohio.	Pennsylvania.	Wisconsin.	Whole number of men admitted.	Furloughed.	Discharged.	Number of Meals.	Number of Lodgings.
January,	380	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	380	380	....	es2,280	est.760
February,	651	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	651	4	13	1,345	673
March,	848	2	..	3	4	3	..	1	860	816	26	2,768	922
April,	334	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	337	311	23	2,297	766
May,	209	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	213	185	17	1,403	467
June,	587	2	3	..	4	..	..	..	596	367	213	6,822	2,274
July,	385	..	..	1	..	2	..	4	392	351	21	3,709	1,236
August,	648	..	..	..	3	4	..	2	651	578	32	5,007	1,669
September,	780	..	..	4	4	5	2	6	801	710	31	10,203	3,401
October,	710	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	712	595	41	6,951	2,231
Total,	5532	4	3	8	18	16	3	16	5599	4297	417	42,785	14,399

Cash Receipts and Expenses for Soldier's Home.

RECEIPTS.

From Treasurer United States Sanitary Commission,	\$1000 00
From entertainment at Russell House,	650 22
From commutation of rations,	128 13
From special collection,	364 50
From collections for prisoners of war, expended with leave of donors, as it could not be used for them,	244 70
Michigan Soldiers' Relief Committee,	400 00
Total,	\$2787 55

EXPENSES.

Rent,	\$400 00
Repairs and furniture,	1043 73
Current expenses,	1121 91
	\$2565 64
On hand for Home,	221 91
	\$2787 55